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18 July 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, NATIONAL ESTIMATES

FROM: Chief, Estimates Staff

SUBJECT: Draft NIE-36

1. Attached is a draft estimate on "Prospects for Survival of the Present Regime in Burma" for consideration by the National Estimates Board.

2. An earlier draft of this estimate was discussed with the working level representatives of the IAC agencies on 13 July, and the present draft reflects the views expressed at this meeting insofar as they were compatible with the intelligence available to the O/NE Estimates Staff.

3. I recommend that the National Estimates Board confine its comments to criticisms of major intelligence issues (as we asked the IAC representatives to do) and that the paper be approved substantially as is unless the National Estimates Board disagrees with the basic interpretation and the main conclusions of the paper.

4. If the National Estimates Board approves the paper substantially as is, I recommend that the draft estimate be sent to the Deputies of the IAC agencies with (a) an expression of the National Estimates Board's willingness to have a meeting with the Deputies on major intelligence issues; and (b) a suggestion that the paper go directly to the IAC if the Deputies do not dissent from the basic interpretation and the main conclusions of the paper.



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